

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1 and 28 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A scrubbing soap bar, comprising:
a scrubbing element having a filamentous network with internal void regions, the scrubbing element having an outermost scrubbing element boundary; and
a layer of rigid soap material ~~substantially~~ surrounding the scrubbing element and at least partially filling the void regions of the scrubbing element, the rigid soap material having an outermost soap material boundary;
wherein the outermost scrubbing element boundary is located completely within the outermost soap material boundary and wherein the outermost scrubbing element boundary is distanced from the outermost soap material boundary to create a continuous outer soap layer between the outermost scrubbing element boundary and the outermost soap material boundary.
2. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing element is further comprised of a non-woven network of polymer fibers.
3. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing element is further comprised of a non-woven network of organic fibers.
4. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing element is further comprised of a non-woven network of metallic fibers.
5. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 2, wherein the non-woven network of polymer fibers includes a non-woven network of fibers comprised of nylon.
6. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 4, wherein the non-woven network of metallic fibers includes a non-woven network of fibers comprised of a ferrous material.

7. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 4, wherein the non-woven network of metallic fibers includes a non-woven network of fibers comprised of a non-ferrous material.

8. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing element further comprises a natural or a synthetic sponge material.

9. (Previously Presented) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the soap material is further comprised of a material formed by the saponification of an organic fat with an alkali.

10. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the soap material is further comprised of a synthetic detergent material.

11-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A scrubbing soap bar, comprising:
a scrubbing element consisting essentially of a filamentous network with internal void regions, the scrubbing element having an outermost scrubbing element boundary; and
a rigid soap material that ~~substantially~~ surrounds ~~and extends beyond~~ the scrubbing element and at least partially fills the void regions, the rigid soap material having an outermost soap material boundary;
wherein the outermost scrubbing element boundary is located completely within the outermost soap material boundary and wherein the outermost scrubbing element boundary is distanced from the outermost soap material boundary.